

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2436 - SB 2401

March 6, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires applicants for residential building permits to conduct an environmental study, in accordance with federal guidelines, of the impact of the proposed construction if such construction is within 500 feet of a mapped or abandoned highway.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

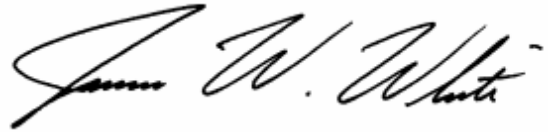
Decrease Local Revenue – Exceeds \$25,000,000

Assumptions:

- The Department of Environment and Conservation will have no role in conducting, certifying, or approving such studies.
- The Department of Transportation (TDOT) will have no role in conducting, certifying, or approving such studies.
- According to TDOT, “mapped or abandoned highway” means all roads, streets, and highways without regard to whether they are owned by the state or local governments.
- According to TDOT, the cost for an environmental study in accordance with federal guidelines is \$200,000 to \$300,000.
- Due to the prohibitive cost associated with the required study, it is assumed that virtually all residential construction statewide would cease.
- Approximately \$250,000 was generated from the issuance of residential building permits and approximately \$6,000,000 was generated in impact fees from residential building permits in Williamson County during 2007. As a result, it can reasonably be assumed that statewide the decrease in local government revenue will exceed \$25,000,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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